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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the Government sanctioned a number of maternity centres in connection with the last Budget. The Government have to see to the needs of the different districts and not only to the needs of Malabar. The hon. Member's proposal to post a nurse to each village will be much more costly than stationing a maternity assistant."

Payment of travelling allowances to midwives of rural dispensaries.

8 50 a.m. * 547 *Q.*—SRI O. VENKATASUBBA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the midwives working in rural dispensaries under the jurisdiction of the Chingleput District Board are paid any fixed travelling allowance; and

(*b*) whether any discrimination is made against midwives in indigenous medicine in the matter of travelling allowance?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir, when the maternity assistants are deputed on propaganda work in villages on prenatal care; otherwise, not.

" (*b*) No, Sir."

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR :—" Will the Government kindly extend this concession to midwives in indigenous medicine also as there is no difference so far as the science of midwifery is concerned between the indigenous and the allopathic systems? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Maternity assistants trained in indigenous system of medicine are deputed for such work if the district board is willing to send them."

SRI M. R. RAMACHANDRAN :—" May I know whether Government will encourage midwives engaging ambulance vans wherever they feel an urgent necessity for it? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It will not be possible, Sir."

Stocks of kuruvai and samba paddy in Tanjore.

* 548 *Q.*—SRI A. GOVINDASWAMI NAYAGAR (on behalf of Sri K. R. Sambandam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the stock of kuruvai and samba paddy held in Tanjore district in January 1954; and

(*b*) in which places they were stocked?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The stocks of samba and kuruvai paddy held by Government in Tanjore district during January 1954 were as follows :—

(1) Samba—6,987·09 tons.
(2) Kuruvai—5,416·25 tons.

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" (*b*) The above stocks were held by the procuring agents in the various taluks of the district."

Complaint against the quality of Coorg rice.

* 549 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received complaints about the quality of the new arrivals of Coorg rice in the Malabar ration shops; and

(*b*) whether any steps have been taken to rectify the defects?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The Collector of Malabar is being asked to enquire into and report on the complaint. Any action necessary will be taken on receipt of the Collector's report."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" This is a matter of rice and food and requires immediate action. Representations were made months ago, I think, at least a couple of months ago. If the Collector's report has not yet come, that is a very sad commentary upon the Collector's action. May I suggest to Government that at least in such matters reports and proposals and various other dilatory measures may be cut through and quick action taken immediately? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am sorry this answer was prepared a few months ago. Quick action has been taken in the matter since then."

Sengipatti Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Tanjore.

* 550 *Q.*—SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have decided to give any yearly grant to Sengipatti Tuberculosis Sanatorium in Tanjore?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The matter is under the consideration of the Government."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" I think the same question was raised a year ago. The then Hon. Minister for Health who continues to be the Hon. Minister for Health even now, said that the matter was being considered and after the consideration was over, the grant would be given. Even after the lapse of one year, the Hon. the Minister for Public Health repeats the same answer. May I know how long will the Government take to consider this matter? May I know when they would give the grant to the hospital? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There was a deficit in the year 1952–53. We are watching whether in the year 1953–54 also there would be a deficit so far as the hospital is concerned. When that information is received, the matter will be considered."